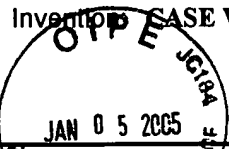


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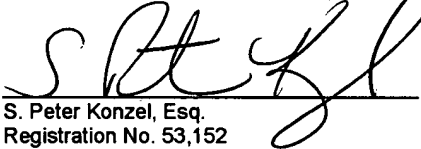
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This is a reply to the Office Action of December 2, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-19 are subject to a restriction/election of species requirement.

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